

Here Allah tells us that to Him belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on earth; He created every one, He granted them provision and He guides them to that which is in their best interests, both worldly and spiritual. So they are His possessions and slaves; they possess no power to cause harm or bring benefit to themselves and they possess no power with regard to death, life or resurrection. He is their Lord and sovereign Who controls their affairs on the basis of His wisdom, justice and kindness. He has ordained commands and prohibitions for them and will bring them to account for all that they conceal or disclose.

﴿He forgives whomever He will﴾ namely the one who takes the measures that lead to forgiveness. And He punishes whomever He will for his sins, the one who did not go through anything that could lead to expiation.²¹

﴿for Allah has power over all things﴾ and nothing is beyond Him; rather all people are subject to His control, His will, His decree and His requital.



﴿أَمَّا الرَّسُولُ فَمَا أَنْزَلَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ رَبِّهِ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ كُلٌّ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ لَا نَفَرَقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْ رُسُلِهِ وَقَالُوا سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا غُفْرَانَكَ رَبَّنَا وَإِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٢٨٥﴾﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٢٨٥)

2:285. The Messenger believes in what has been revealed to him from his Lord, as do the believers. Each [of them] believes in Allah, His angels, His Books, and His Messengers. We make no distinction between one and another of His Messengers. And they say: We hear, and we obey. Grant us Your forgiveness, our Lord, and to You is the return [of all].

²¹ Sins may be expiated by different means, such as hardship, sickness, loss of loved ones, and so on.